

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17, and add new claims as follows:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) An expandable tubing assembly, comprising:

a first tubular having a connector end configured to mate with a corresponding connector end of a second tubular to form a connection; and

an outer tubular coupled to the first tubular, the outer tubular substantially surrounding an external circumferential junction between the first and second tubulars when the first and second tubulars are connected to one another, wherein the connection is expandable and the outer tubular is adapted to resist radial expansion of the connection to ensure that integrity between the first and second tubulars is retained after expansion.

19. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the connector ends are a pin and a box.

20. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the connector ends are threaded.

21. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the outer tubular concentrically overlaps another outer tubular coupled to the second tubular.

22. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 21, further comprising respective filter screens disposed between the first and second tubulars and the outer tubulars.

23. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 22, wherein the filter screens concentrically overlap one another at the connection when the first and second tubulars are connected.

24. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the first and second tubulars are perforated.

25. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the outer tubular is perforated.

26. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, wherein the outer tubular and the first and second tubulars are perforated.

27. (New) The expandable tubing assembly of claim 18, further comprising a filter screen disposed on an outside surface of the first and second tubulars.

28. (New) A method of expanding a connection between first and second tubulars in a wellbore, comprising:

providing the connection having the first and second tubulars with mating ends connected to one another and an outer tubular coupled to the first tubular and substantially surrounding an external circumferential junction between the first and second tubulars; and

passing an expander through the connection to expand the connection downhole, wherein the outer tubular resists radial expansion of the first and second tubulars to ensure that integrity between the first and second tubulars is retained after expansion.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the expander is a cone.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising providing another outer tubular coupled to the second tubular and respective filter screens sandwiched between

the first and second tubulars and the outer tubulars.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein passing the expander through the connection results in the outer tubulars providing an inward radial force which maintains the filter screens in overlapping engagement at the connection.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the connection is formed by threading the first and second tubular to one another.